RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ENDING ALL FUNDING FOR COOPERATION WITH, AND REFERRAL OF IMMIGRANTS TO, FEDERAL U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE)

TRUTH ACT FORUM DECEMBER 8, 2021 SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ALIANZA, SACRAMENTO

CAMPAIGN FOR IMMIGRANT DETENTION REFORM

SACRAMENTO IMMIGRATION COALITION

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes that refugees and immigrants are a vital part of California's heart and identity, and recognizes the humanity of all people who call our community home; and

WHEREAS, California reinforces systemic racism when its jails and prisons voluntarily and unnecessarily transfer immigrants and refugee community members eligible for release from state or local custody to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for immigration detention and deportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, jails and prisons serve as the main pipeline to fill immigration detention beds, and approximately 70% of people detained in ICE custody, nationally, have been funneled through our criminal legal system; and

WHEREAS, California should not subject these community members to a cruel "double punishment," and disregard their humanity, records of rehabilitation, stable reentry plans, and community support, purely because they are refugees or immigrants; and

WHEREAS, consistent with longstanding County policy, the California Values Act (Gov. Code, § 7284-7284.12), and the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the County does not, under any circumstances, honor civil detainer requests from ICE by holding inmates on ICE's behalf for additional time after they would otherwise be released from County custody; and

WHEREAS, our community refuses to use local and state resources to separate children from their parents, tear apart families and communities, and detain and deport millions of parents, neighbors, co-workers, and friends; and

WHEREAS, California's criminal legal system unjustly and disproportionately harms communities of color, including Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and Asian and Pacific Islander American communities; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that no part of the budgetary allocation to the Sheriff's Department shall be used to provide assistance or cooperation to ICE in its civil immigration enforcement efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the use of monies for personnel to give ICE agents access to individuals or allowing them to use County facilities for investigative interviews or other purposes, expending County time or resources responding to ICE inquiries or communicating with ICE regarding individuals' incarceration status or release times, or otherwise participating in any civil immigration enforcement activities is prohibited.